



State Broadband Data and Development Grant

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- Administered by the Department of Commerce-National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- A competitive, merit-based grant program to:
 - Collect comprehensive and accurate state-level broadband mapping data,
 - Develop state-level broadband maps,
 - Aid in the development and maintenance of a national broadband map, and
 - Fund statewide initiatives directed at broadband planning.



Selection of Michigan's Designated Entity-Connected Nation

- Throughout late spring and summer 2009, MPSC Telecommunications Division Staff met with multiple mapping vendors.
- MPSC Staff recommended that the Governor select Connected Nation due to:
 - History of provider cooperation, already had signed non-disclosure agreements with many national providers
 - Able to work with Michigan to facilitate the required 20% match
 - Successful production of maps in 10 states at the time of the MPSC's recommendation
 - Large providers and CWA endorsements
- Governor Granholm signed a letter on August 13, 2009 selecting Connected Nation as Michigan's designated entity for purposes of the program.



Application Process

- On August 14, 2009 Connected Nation submitted on behalf of Michigan an application which included:
 - A detailed description of the proposal
 - A comprehensive budget narrative
- On September 10, 2009, NTIA issued a notice that projects will initially be funded only for 2 years, instead of 5.
 - NTIA hopes to determine best practices prior to obligating funding for subsequent years.
 - Connected Nation and the MPSC worked to submit an amended budget per the Notice
 - Funding for an additional 3 years will be subject to NTIA's review of program priorities and the availability of funds.
- MPSC Staff and Connected Nation worked diligently one-on-one with NTIA staff to answer questions and provide support for Michigan's proposal.



Michigan's Award

- On December 22, 2009, NTIA awarded money to Connected Nation for Michigan's project.
- Michigan's Award \approx \$1.8 million
 - \$1.3 million for broadband data collection and mapping over a 2-year period
 - \$500,000 for broadband planning over a 5-year period
- A summary of Connected Nations' request for Michigan should soon be available at:
<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/broadbandmapping.html>



MPSC's Role

- In-Kind Donation
 - Oversight and Research Support Staff
 - 2 MPSC staff members devoting time to the project
 - Office space
 - *Data Sets (Department of Information Technology)*
- Oversight
 - Connected Nation and the MPSC have a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).
 - The MPSC is directing the project with an important oversight role.
 - Connected Nation is responsible for all reporting requirements under the direction of the MPSC. The MPSC will be provided copies of all relevant documentation, exclusive of confidential information.
 - MPSC will monitor Connected Nation's compliance with the NTIA NOFA pursuant to the terms of the MOA.



Providers' Role

- Work cooperatively with the MPSC and Connected Nation staff
- Prepare to provide broadband availability data accurate as of June 30, 2009
- Collaborate with each other when practical
 - Multiple providers could agree to the same non-disclosure agreement when practical
 - Industry Associations can facilitate this process



Going Forward

- A map of broadband availability will help citizens, policy makers, and perhaps some of you as you look toward applying for the second round of broadband stimulus dollars.
- We have strong working relationships with most of you and we look forward to continue working together with you to ensure that all of Michigan's citizens have access to high speed internet technology.
- Your participation in today's meeting is another important step in helping Connect Michigan succeed.



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Questions/Comments?

Thank You!